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SUBJECT:CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY
HARTMAN

1. JOHANES CALLED ON HARTMAN MAY 3 TO GIVE CSSR
GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S NUCLEAR POLICY
STATEMENT (STATE 67973 NODIS, PRAGUE 846 NODIS) AND
TO BRIEFLY REVIEW BILATERAL RELATIONS.

2. READING FROM NON-PAPER, JOHANES STATED THAT HIS
GOVERNMENT ENDEAVORS TO STRENGTHEN THE NON-PROLIFERATION
TREATY, AS EXEMPLIFIED BY THE CSSR'S PARTICIPATION IN
THE LONDON SUPPLIERS GROUP. THE CSSR GOVERNMENT'S POSITION
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IS THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT RECOMMENDS STEPS
WHICH ARE AN INTERNAL MATTER OF THE US; SOME OF THE
CONCRETE TECHNICAL MEASURES PROPOSED MAY HAVE INTERNA-
TIONAL IMPLICATIONS AND SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN FUTURE
MEETINGS OF THE LONDON GROUP.

3. HARTMAN NOTED THAT NUCLEAR POLICY WILL ALSO BE

DISCUSSED AT THE UPCOMING LONDON ECONOMIC SUMMIT AS PART OF THE LARGER TOPIC OF ENERGY. THE US VIEWS WITH DEEP CONCERN THE SPREAD OF SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES WHICH ENTAIL DIRECT ACCESS TO PLUTONIUM AND OTHER WEAPONS USABLE

MATERIALS. WE RECOGNIZE THAT OTHER COUNTRIES, WHICH ARE AT DIFFERENT LEVELS OF NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT, MAY HAVE DIFFERING VIEWS OF HOW TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM. WE HAVE RECOMMENDED AN INTERNATIONAL STUDY OF THE FUEL CYCLE TO EVALUATE VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES WITH LESS PROLIFERATION RISK. HARTMAN NOTED THAT THE ISSUE OF STORAGE OF NUCLEAR WASTES AND PLUTONIUM PROCESSING CONCERNS EVERYONE, AND WELCOMED THE CSSR VIEW.

4. ON BILATERAL MATTERS, JOHANES STATED THAT THE CSSR HAD EXPECTED THE NEW ADMINISTRATION TO ADDRESS CLAIMS/GOLD; INSTEAD, THERE HAS BEEN AN INTENSE "HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN" AND THE DEPARTMENT'S JANUARY 26 STATEMENT, WHICH THE CSSR REGARD AS "INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS." JOHANES ALSO REFERRED TO PRESS REPORTS OF SENATOR LONG'S PROPOSAL TO VEST THE GOLD, AND ASKED WHAT THE ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION ON CLAIMS/GOLD IS.

5. HARTMAN RESPONDED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS HAD SOME DISCUSSIONS OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPE AND, SPECIFICALLY, THE CLAIMS/GOLD QUESTION. OUR POSITION REMAINS THE SAME AS WE TOOK BEFORE THE COURTS, THAT THE GOLD CANNOT BE SEIZED.

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ON HUMAN RIGHTS, HARTMAN NOTED THAT WE HAVE A DIFFERENT OPINION OF WHAT CONSTITUTES "INTERFERENCE", AND HUMAN RIGHTS ARE AN INTERNATIONAL CONCERN. SPECIFICALLY, WE ARE PLEASED WITH RECENT CSSR PERFORMANCE ON DIVIDED FAMILIES.

6. HARTMAN TURNED TO THE BELGRADE MEETING, AND NOTED THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO BE POSITIVE, NOT POLEMICAL. WE HOPE FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE REVIEW AND WE PLAN TO MAKE PROPOSALS WHOSE AIM WILL BE TO ENCOURAGE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. WE ARE AWARE THAT THE US HAS SOME SHORTCOMINGS ON CSCE WHICH WE ARE MOVING TO REMEDY. JOHANES ASSERTED THAT THE CSSR IS FULFILLING HELSINKI, BUT FINDS US-CZECHOSLOVAK RELATIONS (GOLD, MFN ISSUES) NOT IN KEEPING WITH CSCE. HARTMAN REPEATED THAT WE ARE STUDYING THOSE MATTERS CLOSELY AND THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE HOUSE AND SENATE ON THE ISSUES. HARTMAN EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT A JOHANES MEETING WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER WOULD BE IN

ORDER ONCE WE HAVE DECIDED UPON A COURSE OF ACTION ON
CLAIMS/GOLD. PERHAPS LATER IN JUNE JOHANES COULD MEET
WITH THE SECRETARY TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENTS.
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